

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1151

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A RESOLUTION to recognize James Ronald Gambill on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, James Ronald Gambill is one such estimable person who has served with probity and integrity for seventeen years as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gambill has spent over thirty years assisting students in pursuit of their educational goals, beginning in 1968 as a teacher of General Science and Biology at Franklin High School; and

WHEREAS, he quickly ascended to administrative positions at Franklin High School, including service as the Dean of Boys, a Guidance Counselor, and Assistant Principal; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1985, James Ronald Gambill served as Financial Aid Director at Nashville State Technical Institute; and

WHEREAS, he became Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation in March, 1985, and has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers in the student financial aid profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gambill's extraordinary capabilities as a leader are exemplified through his active participation in organizations such as American College Testing (ACT), which he currently serves as the Chair of the Policy Council for Tennessee; the National Association of State Scholarship and Grant Aid Programs, which he served as President in 1998-1999; the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, which he currently serves as Treasurer, and a member of the Board of Directors; the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, which he has served as Treasurer, the Budget Committee Chair, and the State Agency Liaison to the Executive Board; and the Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, which he continues to serve in many leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gambill has been honored by his peers with the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Leadership Award, the Tennessee Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Outstanding Aid Administrator Award, and the Financial Aid Administrator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, an Ex-Officio member of the Baccalaureate Education System Trust Board of Directors, Mr. Gambill has also served on the Board of Directors for Education Funding of the South since 1988 and the Education Services of America since 1995; and

WHEREAS, thanks to James Ronald Gambill's leadership, experience, and expertise in the field of student financial aid, the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation has become a leader among state financial aid programs for its efficiency and its enviable track record in communicating to students information on the various financial assistance programs available; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gambill has served as a tireless advocate for the interests of the student who is most in need of financial assistance, and he has helped many such students achieve the dream of a college education; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he has made a valuable contribution to society through his work with a Prison Ministry Program since 1994; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Gambill's retirement, Tennessee state government, students, and the families of students who have been or will be served by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, have lost the services of a dedicated public servant and friend to the neediest of Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, James Ronald Gambill has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate students to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes the valuable contribution Mr. Gambill has made to the State through his service in the field of student financial aid; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend James Ronald Gambill for his exemplary public service and for his innumerable accomplishments in thirty-four years of service to the students of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. Gambill our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.